

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A quick nut for positive friction locking for a disc-like tool (2) to an external thread (3) of an axially extending working spindle (4) driven about an axis of rotation (A) said nut having an axially extending inner-threaded part (5) encircling said axis of rotation (A) for engagement with said external thread (3), and a manually displaceable tensioning means (6, 6', 6'') encircling said axis of rotation (A), and movable axially relative to said inner threaded part (5) between a clamping position and a release position relative to said tool (2), a spring structure encircling said inner threaded part (5) and comprising at least one flat leaf spring (7) extending generally parallel to the axis of rotation (A) and mounted at one end in said inner threaded part (5) for resiliently tensioning said inner threaded part (5) with said tool and being deflectable in the clamping position by said tensioning means into a flat said leaf spring and having two axially spaced ends one end mounted in a stop (8) and the other end in said inner threaded part (5) for positive friction locking said disc-like tool (2).

2. (Currently amended) A quick-lock nut as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said ~~flat~~ leaf spring (7) opposite to the end mounted in said inner threaded part (5) is mounted in a said stop which is a separate axially displaceable stop (8) extending axially relative to said inner threaded party (5).

3. (Currently amended) A quick-lock nut, as set forth in claim 2, wherein said inner threaded part (5) is in part ~~eyelindrical~~ cylindrical in the axial

direction and extends towards said stop (8), and said stop (8) has a circular annular form.

4. (Currently amended) A quick-lock nut, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said spring structure (7) ~~comprises a plurality of individual~~ multiple said leaf springs (7) distributed in a circumferential arrangement encircling said axis of rotation, and each having two axially spaced ends, one end being mounted in said stop (8) and the other said end in said inner threaded part (5) of said quick lock nut for positive friction locking said disc-like tool (2).

5. (Currently amended) A quick-lock nut, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the flat said ~~flat~~ leaf springs (7) have a uniform flat zone of elasticity (9').

6. (Currently amended) A quick-lock nut, as set forth in claim 5, wherein said ~~flat~~ leaf-spring springs (7) ~~has~~ have a uniformly flat circular cylinder sleeve segment strip forming the zone of elasticity (9).

7. (Currently amended) A quick-lock nut, as set forth in claim 6, wherein said leaf spring springs (7) ~~is~~ are displaceable in a radial generally perpendicular direction relative to the axial direction of said spindle (4).

8. (Currently amended) A quick-lock nut, as set forth in claim 7, wherein one of said axial stops (8) and said inner threaded part (5) has as a radially outwardly extending radial stop (10), and said manually displaceable tensioning means (6) forms a radially inwardly oriented stop (11) for said ~~flat~~ leaf springs arranged therebetween.

9. (Original) A quick-lock nut, as set forth in claim 8, wherein said tensioning means (6) is formed as a sleeve manually displaceable in the direction of the axis of rotation (A).

10. (Original) A quick-lock nut, as set forth in claim 5, wherein the zone of elasticity (9') extends circumferentially of said axis of rotation.

11. (Currently amended) A quick-lock nut, as set forth in claim 10, wherein one of said stop (8) and said inner threaded part (5) comprises a tangential stop (14) and said manually displaceable tensioning means (6) has an opposing tangentially oriented counter tangential stop (15)(with said flat ~~flat~~ leaf springs (7) arranged therebetween

12. (Currently amended) A quick-lock nut, as set forth in claim 10, wherein said manually displaceably tensioning means (6") forms a tangentially oriented tangential stop (14) with an opposing tangentially oriented counter tangential stop (15) and with said ~~flat~~ leaf springs (7) arranged in openings (13) therebetween.

13. (Currently amended) A quick-lock nut, as set forth in claim 11, wherein said tensioning means (6, 6") is formed as one of a manually ~~displaceable~~ ~~and~~ axially displaceable cage.